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Executive Order No. 20-96

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING CONDITIONS AS DEFINED IN SECTIONS 10-3-103 AND 10-3-302, MCA, TO EXIST AS A RESULT OF WILDLAND FIRES AFFECTING GLACIER, TOOLE, PONDERA, TETON, LEWIS & CLARK, CASCADE, JUDITH BASIN, MEAGHER, BROADWATER, PARK, GALLATIN, & JEFFERSON COUNTIES

WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds have combined to create hazardous fire conditions in identified areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of disaster which timely action can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property, and authorize the Governor under Section 10-3-312(b), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of

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Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the State of Montana as defined in Sections 10-3-103 and 10-3-302, MCA.

This order is effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 10th day of August 1996

MARC RACICOT Governor

ATTEST:

Mike COONEY, Secretary of State